WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for managing a digital data file, comprising:

reading a header of a digital data file stored by an external device;

controlling whether to upload said digital data file based on said read header.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said controlling step comprises:

prohibiting said digital data file from being uploaded from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said controlling step further comprises:

permitting uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a second predetermined header.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said controlling step further comprises:

permitting uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a third predetermined header; and

changing said read header to said first predetermined header after uploading said digital data file when said read header matches said third predetermined header.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein said controlling step further comprises:

permitting uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a second predetermined header; and

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changing said read header to said first predetermined header after uploading said digital data file when said read header matches said second predetermined header.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said external device is a digital data player.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said external device is a digital data storage medium.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said read header identifies a source of said digital data file.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein said digital data file is at least one of an audio file and a video file.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said controlling step comprises:
permitting uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said controlling step further comprises:
permitting uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a second predetermined header; and
changing said read header to a third predetermined header after uploading said digital data file when said read header matches said second predetermined header, said third predetermined header indicating that no further uploads are permitted.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said controlling step comprises:

permitting uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header; and

changing said read header to a second predetermined header after uploading said digital data file when said read header matches said first predetermined header, said second predetermined header indicating that no further uploads are permitted.

13. A program (or script) embodied on a computer-readable medium for managing a digital data file, said computer readable medium comprising:

a first program code segment to read a header of a digital data file stored by an external device; and

a second program code segment to control whether to upload said digital data file based on said read header.

14. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the second program code segment comprises:

a first sub-program code segment to prohibit said digital data file from being uploaded from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header.

15. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the second program code segment comprises:

a first sub-program code segment to permit uploading said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the second program code segment comprises:

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a first sub-program code segment to permit uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header; and

a second sub-program code segment to change said read header to said second predetermined header after uploading said digital data file when said read header matches said first predetermined header, said second predetermined header indicating that no further uploads are permitted.

17. A computer data signal, comprising:

a first signal segment to read a header of a digital data file stored by an external device; and

a second signal segment to control whether to upload said digital data file based on said read header.

18. The computer data signal of claim 17, wherein the second signal segment comprises:

a first sub-signal segment to prohibit said digital data file from being uploaded from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header.

19. The computer data signal of claim 17, wherein the second signal segment comprises:

a first sub-signal segment to permit uploading said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header.

20. The computer data signal of claim 17, wherein the second signal segment comprises:

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a first sub-signal segment to permit uploading of said digital data file from said external device when said read header matches a first predetermined header; and

a second sub-signal segment to change said read header to a second predetermined header after uploading said digital data file when said read header matches said first predetermined header, said second predetermined header indicating that no further uploads are permitted.